

**Draft Summary of the Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group Meeting
Oroville Facilities Relicensing (FERC Project No. 2100)
September 25, 2003**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) hosted a meeting for the Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group (RSWG) on September 25, 2003 in Oroville.

A summary of the discussion, decisions made, and action items is provided below. This summary is not intended to be a transcript, analysis of the meeting, or to indicate agreement or disagreement with any of the items summarized, except where expressly stated. The intent is to present a summary for interested parties who could not attend the meeting. The following are attachments to this summary:

Attachment 1	Meeting Agenda
Attachment 2	Meeting Attendees
Attachment 3	Flip Chart Notes
Attachment 4	Resource Action Matrix (<i>revised</i>)
Attachment 5	Resource Action Matrix "Cheat Sheet"
Attachment 6	Resource Action Matrix Key
Attachment 7	Resource Action Discussion Points by Geographic Area
Attachment 8	High Priority Cluster Items

Introduction

Attendees were welcomed to the RSWG meeting. Attendees introduced themselves and their affiliations and the desired outcomes of the meeting were discussed. The meeting agenda and list of meeting attendees are appended to this summary as Attachments 1 and 2, respectively. Meeting flip chart notes are included as Attachment 3.

Action Items – August 28, 2003 Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group Meeting

A summary of the August 28, 2003 RSWG meeting is posted on the relicensing web site. The Facilitator reviewed the status of action items from that meeting as follows:

Action Item #R81:	Use tally information from newspaper survey to augment Work Group survey tally and organize matrix and tally results by geographic area.
Status:	Information from the newspaper survey was compiled and included as Column A in the revised resource action matrix (see Attachment 4).
Action Item #R82:	Develop key discussion bullets for each geographic area including 1) Existing uses, 2) Future/proposed uses/needs, 3) "focus" for the area, 4) location of actions, 5) additions for improvements of existing facilities, etc.
Status:	The Facilitator informed the RSWG that she had prepared a presentation using key discussion bullets to facilitate the discussion of resource actions later in the meeting. Please refer to the summary of the resource action discussion below for more information.
Action Item #R83:	Provide maps showing geographic areas to determine locations of resource actions at next RSWG meeting.
Status:	Maps showing locations of proposed resource actions are under development. .
Action Item #R84:	Identify priority resource actions for the JPA.

- Status:** The JPA has reviewed the RSWG's resource action matrix and has identified priority resource actions. The results of the JPA review process were discussed in the context of the resource action discussion later in the meeting. Please refer to the summary of the resource action discussion below for more information.
- Action Item #R85:** Seek approval on JPA trails plan from JPA.
Status: Pete Dangermond representing the JPA reported that JPA representatives have met several times since the last RSWG meeting to discuss a trails plan and appear to be in agreement on most issues. He expects them to reach consensus and provide a draft resource action information form for a trails plan by the next RSWG meeting.
- Action Item #R86:** Ask DPR to report on needs on east side of Lake.
Status: Steve Feazel representing Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) explained that DPR is preparing to update their general plan for the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area (LOSRA) and the east side of the reservoir needs will be evaluated. He suggested that the general plan process and the relicensing process be integrated as much as possible with the goals for each consistent with the other. The Foreman Creek area was discussed as an example of a popular site with constraints to expansion. The RSWG discussed the existing boat-in campground, issues with access during low-water conditions, the desire to keep the area open for longer durations throughout the year and the conflict with cultural resource sensitivities, and the possibility of road access during low-water conditions. It was clarified that the DPR general plan will cover the entire State Recreation Area (SRA), including the Oroville Wildlife Area and the Forebay. It was also noted that there would likely be a Recreation Element in the forthcoming Butte County General Plan update.
- Action Item #R76:** Report back to the RSWG on the trails planning effort (*Follow-Up Action Item*).
Status: Please refer to Action Item R85 above.
- Action Item #R80:** Consolidate resource action matrix by identifying redundancies and similarities and re-directing resource actions that are not applicable to the RSWG. Consider moving language from non-prioritized resource actions to complimentary ones. First cut at organizing the potential resource actions into four categories (recommended by Plenary Group) for PDEA (*Follow-Up Action Item*).
Status: Most of the tasks included in this action item were completed and are included in the revised resource action matrix. Details on the revisions to the matrix are provided in the discussion of resource actions below.

Review and Discussion of Draft Resource Action “List B”

The discussion on resource action development started with an explanation of the revisions to the resource action matrix since the last meeting and associated resource action matrix “cheat-sheet” (see Attachment 4 and 5, respectively). Doug Rischbieter representing DWR explained that Column A of the matrix represents those resource actions identified as receiving support in the newspaper survey, Column B represents the results of the tally process, Column C represents resource actions that could potentially be clustered together which were identified by the JPA, and Column D represents whether the resource action is currently proposed for further analysis in the PDEA. A separate key to the notations in the matrix was distributed (see Attachment 6).

The Facilitator reminded the RSWG that their goal for the Collaborative is to identify the list of resource actions that will be moved forward to the Preliminary Draft Environmental Assessment (PDEA) Team for analysis. All of the other work groups are in approximately the same stage of resource action development and all are facing challenges to develop resource actions without study plan results. The draft PDEA is due to be completed in spring 2004. This first deliverable will include an evaluation of some proposed resource actions but they will not be grouped into

project alternatives. Grouping into alternatives will occur before the application is submitted and after the settlement negotiations have begun.

The Facilitator provided a PowerPoint presentation to assist in the discussion of proposed resource areas by geographic area. The presentation was organized by geographic region and described the existing focus and uses for the area and the 'A' List proposed resource actions for each of the geographic areas (see Attachment 7). The RSWG subsequently discussed each geographic area separately and Pete Dangermond provided results of the JPA prioritization exercise. The RSWG discussed alternate future uses or 'visions' for the geographic areas and included those in the revisions that were made in "real-time" to the electronic version of the document. Pete Dangermond read the goals for each geographic region developed by the JPA for their use in discussing resource actions within the collaborative. Using the resource action "cheat-sheet", representatives from the JPA identified their priority resource actions by geographic area, which included proposals from both the "A" and "B" list. The JPA priorities were recorded on the PowerPoint presentation for future reference. The revised PowerPoint presentation will be distributed to the RSWG and the Facilitator will complete the edits as discussed.

The Facilitator suggested that the RSWG continue to discuss the proposed resource actions with an eye to consolidation where appropriate and focusing on the likely actions that will be supported by the needs analysis. Participants expressed the desire to continue the discussion of priority actions to arrive at a list that identifies actions with the broadest stakeholder support. Pete Dangermond provided a document that identifies the JPA 's high priority cluster items (see Attachment 8). In addition, the Facilitator noted the need to complete resource action identification forms for those resource actions advocated.

Study Reports

Final Interim Reports for R-1 (Vehicular Access Study), R-6 (ADA Accessibility Assessment), and R-10 (Recreation Facility Inventory and Condition Report) were distributed to the Work Group and are available on request. Although considered "final", the RSWG can still provide comments to DWR. The lead authors will present findings of the studies at the November RSWG meeting. It was noted that the entire suite of study plan reports would be included with the relicensing application submitted to FERC.

A brief overview of the study reports was provided to the RSWG. Study R-1 categorized roads in the project area by type and condition. It also presents proposed roadway improvement plans and constraints to access. Overall, it was concluded that there are no major constraints to vehicular access in the project area. Study R-6 was based primarily on agency assessments of ADA accessibility of facilities. In general, there is programmatic compliance with ADA requirements and no major deficiencies have been identified in the project area. Study R-10 evaluated facility conditions based on site visits and agency information and concluded that most facilities in the project area are in good condition: a list of recreation facilities in need of maintenance, repair, or replacement is included. Information from these studies will be used in the development of a Recreation Plan for the project to be included in the license application.

Next Steps

The RSWG agreed that an additional meeting would be helpful in developing the proposed resource action lists and agreed to the following October 2003 meeting date/time:

Date: Thursday, October 16, 2003
Time: 5:00 to 10:00 PM
Location: Oroville

And

Date: Thursday, October 30, 2003
Time: 6:00 to 10:00 PM
Location: Oroville

Action Items

The following list of action items identified by the Recreation and Socioeconomics Work Group includes a description of the action, the participant responsible for the action, and item status.

Action Item #R86: Check wildlife corridor idea of CDFG with Andy Atkinson
Responsible: DWR
Due Date: October 30, 2003

Action Item #R87: Prioritize resource actions included in the revised resource action matrix.
Responsible: RSWG
Due Date: October 16, 2003

Action Item #R88: Distribute revised PowerPoint presentation that focuses on resource actions organized by geographic area.
Responsible: Facilitator
Due Date: October 16, 2003

Action Item #R89: Identify which resource actions listed in the matrix will need resource action identification forms completed for them.
Responsible: DWR
Due Date: October 30, 2003